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COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE ON 15 OCTOBER CONTINUED CON-
SIDERATION OF SUBJECT AGENDA ITEMS HEARING THIRTY THREE
COUNTRY STATEMENTS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. REMAINING
THREE COUNTRY STATEMENTS WERE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED A STRONG RIGHT OF REPLY BY USSR TO
CHINESE STATEMENT WHICH WAS SUMMARIZED IN REFERENCE,
SIERRA LEONE TELLING THE OIL COUNTRIES TO BE MORE
GENEROUS TO THEIR LESS WELL OFF BROTHERS, AND THE US
RECOMMENDING THE ROLE OF WOMEN BE EXPLICITLY FACTORED
INTO ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENTS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES

OF FINLAND (SPEAKING FOR THE NORDIC GROUP, THE SOVIET UNION, NIGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA, CHILE, JAPAN, ROMANIA GREECE, OMAN, THAILAND, UPPER VOLTA, THE SUDAN, THE PHILIPPINES, TOGO AND MOROCCO, KUWAIT, ARGENTINA, EGYPT, BANGLADESH, MALTA, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ALGERIA, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, DECOMCRATIC YEMEN, ISRAEL, GUYANA, CYPRUS, THE UNITED STATES, ZAIRE, IRAQ AND SIERRA LEONE.

3. GENERALLY THE COUNTRY STATEMENTS:

A) LAUDED UNDP'S IMPROVED STANCE TOWARD TCDC WHILE URGING IT TO SPEED UP AND BROADEN ITS TCDC ACTIVITIES;
B) PAID APPROXIMATELY AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF LIP SERVICE TO THE "POSITIVE" RESULTS OF THE 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GA, THE LIMA CONFERENCE, AND VARIOUS UNCTAD MEETINGS;
C) SAID TECHNICAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS OPERATING FAR BELOW ITS POTENTIAL;
D) LOOKED FORWARD TO THE FOUR REGIONAL TCDC SYMPOSIUM NEXT YEAR AND THE GLOBAL TCDC SYMPOSIA IN 1977.

4. AMONG THE MORE NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS MADE BY DELEGATIONS WERE:

A) THE RUSSIAN RIGHT OF REPLY TO CHINA, THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE SAID THE CHINESE STATEMENT WAS "SLANDER" AND WERE AIMED AT CAMOUFLAGING THE IMPOTENCE OF THAT COUNTRY IN CONNECTION WITH ITEMS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE GA..." CHINA WAS SOWING DISCORD BETWEEN THE LDC'S AND THEIR "NATURAL ALLIES," THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. CHINA DESIRED A NUCLEAR WAR IN ORDER TO BECOME A "MONO-SUPER-POWER" AND THAT ONE HAS TO REACH THE LIMITS OF "MONSTROUS CYNICISM TO PROCLAIM THE INEVITABILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR," AS CHINA HAD DONE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO ASSERT THAT AFTER SUCH A WAR THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD WOULD BE A BRIGHT ONE.
B) YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH IN ADDITION TO WANTING UNDP TO DO FAR MORE FAR FASTER RE TCDC, CITED THE POSITIVE NEW INITIA-
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TIVES DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE TAKING TO SET UP A FUND FOR BUFFER STOCKS, THE COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS OF PRODUCERS OF PRIMARY COMMODITIES, ETC.
C) CUBA CLAIMED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD DUMPED THE BURDEN OF THE RECENT ECONOMIC CRISIS ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY EXPORTING INFLATION, ETC. HOWEVER, CUBA WAS PLEASED THAT VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN-WIDE ECONOMIC PLANNING AND POLICY GROUPS THAT "EXCLUDED THE UNITED STATES" WERE

BEGINNING TO BECOME OPERATIVE.

D) UPPER VOLTA, WHICH IN THE PAST HAD ACCUSED UNDP OF DRAGGING ITS FEET RE TCDC, SAID IT WAS NOW "AGREEABLY SURPRISED "BY THE PROGRESS UNDP WAS MAKING AND OF THE FAR MORE POSITIVE AND AGGRESSIVE STATEMENT MADE BY UNDP CONCERNING THE CRUCIAL ROLD OF TCDC.

E) KUWAIT TALKED ABOUT THE 3 BILLION DOLLAR SPECIAL FUND IT HAD CREATED TO ASSIST ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEM, POLITICAL STAND, OR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION.

F) ARGENTINA RECOMMENDED THAT SO AS BETTER TO ASSESS AND IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS WHICH ALREADY HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIS SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD ASK THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT A MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND PROGRAMME BUDGET THAT WOULD IDENTIFY MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HIS DELEGATION WOULD RAISE THAT QUESTION IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, HE SAID. THE SECOND COMMITTEE, HE SAID, SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT ALL BODIES ADOPT THAT SUGGESTION WITH RESPECT TO THEIR OWN AREEAS OF INTEREST.

G) ALGERIA SAID THAT THE ACTION PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AT ALGIERS HAD BEEN INCREASINGLY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THAT TYPE OF COOPERATION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS INCREASINGLY FRUITFUL. HE HELD THAT ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF, INSTEAD OF BEING RESTRICTED TO PIECEMEAL STEPS OR PROGRAMMES, IT WAS BASED ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

H) JAMAICA SAID IT HAD FORMED GOOD LINKS OF COOPERATION WITH THE NEIGHBORING ISLAND OF CUBA, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF DAIRY, PRODUCE, LIVESTOCK, AND SUGAR. IN HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATION'S VIEW, TECHNICAL COOPERATION SHOULD FIRST BE CONCLUDED AT A SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL, BECAUSE THAT WAS WHERE SIMILARITIES IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROBLEMS OF COUNTRIES WERE THE GREATEST. THAT APPROACH, HE BELIEVED, FACILITATED THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUB-REGIONS CONCERNED AND COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION.

I) ISRAEL SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS IT HAD ASSISTED OVER FIFTY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY BY SHARING ITS EXPERIENCE AND KNOW-HOW IN THE FIELDS OF DESALINATION, IRRIGATION, AND NEW ENERGY SOURCES.

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J) GUYANA DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SINCE 1972 WHICH HAD DISCUSSED PLANS FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNDER THE ACTION PROGRAMME OF THE MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, GUYANA HAD BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY AS COORDINATOR OF THE SECTOR DEALING WITH TRADE, TRANSPORT, AND INDUSTRY, WITH THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY'S ASSISTANCE. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HAD FORMULATED PROPOSALS WHICH NOW FORMED THE BASIC METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THAT SECTOR. ADDITIONALLY, AN ADVISORY PANEL OF EXPERTS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE OVER-ALL TECHNICAL ADVICE. IT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE PROJECT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SELECTING A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRODUCTS FOR INTENSIVE STUDY WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING THEIR POTENTIALITY FOR INTERREGIONAL TRADE AND THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ITS EXPANSION; EXAMINING THE SCOPE FOR

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COMPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES; AND STUDYING THE
EXISTING NETWORK OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

K) IRAQ REAFFIRMED IT INTENDED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

L) SIERRA LEONE WARNED AGAINST THE DANGER OF ALLOWING
THE NEW COOPERATIVE UNITS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP
THE DIVISIONS THAT WERE APPARENT BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVEL-
OPING COUNTRIES ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO PREVENTING GAPS
FORMING BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF
RESOURCES AND OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT. OIL-PRODUC-
ING COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE CONCESSIONS TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUN-
TRIES AND SHOULD USE THEIR SURPLUS FUNDS TO SOLVE SOME OF THE
PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. THE UNITED STATES STATEMENT IS THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE
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